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R 152101Z APR 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN  
AMEMBASSY COTONOU  
AMEMBASSY LOME  
AMEMBASSY LAGOS  
AMEMBASSY NIAMEY  
AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU  
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SUBJECT: WARNING TO TRAVELERS TO BENIN

REF: COTONOU 685 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH RECOMMENDATION REFTTEL THAT ALL  
UNNECESSARY TRAVEL BY AMCITS TO BENIN SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED.  
THEREFORE, REQUEST THAT ADDRESSEE POSTS BRING THE FOLLOWING

NOTICE TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL TRAVELERS (OFFICIAL AND TOURIST) WHO INTEND TO TRANSIT BENIN: QUOTE. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN HAS NOT LIFTED THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOLLOWING THE ARMED ATTACK ON COTONOU LAST JANUARY 16. SINCE THEN, ARBITRARY INCARCERATIONS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS HAVE OCCURRED. OUR EMBASSY HAS EXPERIENCED GREAT DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO HAVE BEEN DETAINED BY BENINESE AUTHORITIES. THEREFORE, ALL TRAVEL TO BENIN SHOULD BE AVOIDED UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. OFFICIAL TRAVELERS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE SCHEDULED ARRIVAL OF THEIR INTENTION TO VISIT BENIN. UNQUOTE.

2. SUGGEST THAT ABOVE NOTICE BE POSTED IN PUBLIC AREAS OF ADDRESSEE POSTS.

3. ON THIS END, DEPARTMENT AND OTHER USG AGENCIES PLAN TO CONVEY ABOVE NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS INTENDING TO TRAVEL TO BENIN.  
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